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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - State and Local Administrators**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that the State Administrator of Election Laws is
4 responsible for the operation of the office of the State Administrative Board of
5 Election Laws and is subject to criminal sanctions for malfeasance in the
6 performance of duties; requiring each local election board to employ an
7 administrator; specifying that an administrator of a local board is responsible for the
8 operation of the office of the board and is subject to criminal sanctions for
9 malfeasance in the performance of duties; and generally relating to the
10 administration of election laws.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 33 - Election Code
13 Section 1A-1(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article 33 - Election Code
18 Section 2-6(h)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article 33 - Election Code**

24 1A-1.

25 (b) (1) There shall be a State Administrator of Election Laws who shall be
26 appointed by the Governor. He shall hold office during good behavior for a term of six
27 years and shall be removable during his term only for incompetence upon charges
28 furnished in writing by the Board setting forth the grounds for dismissal, and he shall
29 have ample opportunity for a hearing. A person may be appointed to successive or
30 additional terms. His salary shall be as provided in the annual State budget from time to
31 time. A vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term.

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1 (2) The State Administrator of Election Laws is the chief Stateelection
2 official for purposes of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

3 (3) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION LAWS IS RESPONSIBLE
4 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF
5 ELECTION LAWS AND IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL SANCTIONS UNDER SUBTITLE 24 OF
6 THIS ARTICLE FOR MALFEASANCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

7 2-6.

8 (H) (1) EACH BOARD SHALL EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATOR.

9 (2) THE ADMINISTRATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
10 OFFICE OF THE BOARD AND IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL SANCTIONS UNDER SUBTITLE
11 24 OF THIS ARTICLE FOR MALFEASANCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 1996.